

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed March 22, 2004, the specification has been objected to because of misspellings in Claims 1 and 15, and the omission of a heading for the description of the drawings. Claims 1 and 15 have been amended to correct inadvertent typographical errors, and the specification has been amended to add the section heading. No new matter has been added. Withdrawal of the objection to the specification is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5, 7, 8 and 10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly indefinite. Claim is allegedly confusing in the term "characterized in that." In accordance with the Examiner's suggestion, this term has been replaced by the word "wherein."

The claims are further allegedly confusing due to lack of active method steps. Claim 1 has been amended to recite active method steps.

Claims 2 and 3 are allegedly confusing because of improper Markush language. Claim 2 has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion.

Claim 7 is allegedly confusing in that it depends from a canceled claim. Claim 7 has been amended to depend upon Claim 1.

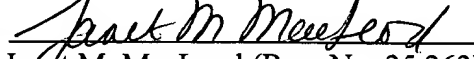
In view of the foregoing amendments, withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 1-5, 7, 8 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, is respectfully requested.

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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